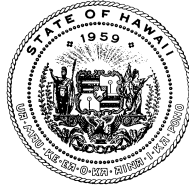


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The Senate
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Attn: Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura

Aloha Joy,

I am presenting my written statements for the questions recently sent to me:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?

After working in the water industry for years, I've observed a significant surge in demand for certified operators as the rising requirement for water across the entire state. I hope I will be able to support current operators and encourage more young people to become the next generation of operators.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?

As a member of the Board, it is my responsibility to support operators in enhancing their skills and staying informed about new regulations and emerging technologies. This ensures they can deliver high-quality service across water systems and wastewater treatment facilities.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

I have worked as a compliance engineer since 2014 in Safe Drinking Water Branch, Hawaii Department of Health to ensure that all public water systems (up to 140 systems) provide high quality drinking water to the public. Currently, I'm the Acting Supervisor of Compliance and Enforcement Section. My section takes charge of issuing the operator certifications and making sure that each public water system is operated by certified operators. I am confident to support all systems as a Board member.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I will work with other Board members to focus on supporting future & current operators across the whole state of Hawaii.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?

I am a humble, friendly, and collaborative team player. So, I can work effectively with other Board members to achieve our goals.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?

As the expert in water quality and various regulations, I have worked with operators in the whole state for years. I will keep providing technical support to ensure that all public water systems provide high quality drinking water to the public.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

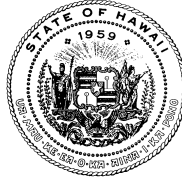
I am committed to avoiding any circumstances that could lead me into such situations.

Sincerely,



Zhaohui Wang
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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ZHAOHUI WANG,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: 4/3/2024

Room Number: 225 & Videoconference

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports the nomination of Mr. Zhaohui Wang to the
- 3 Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators (Board).
- 4 Mr. Wang has worked in the Department of Health, Environmental Management Division, Safe
- 5 Drinking Water Branch for almost ten years as an Environmental Engineer. He is currently
- 6 Acting Supervisor of the Compliance and Enforcement Section which provides direct support to
- 7 the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators. Mr. Wang has represented Safe
- 8 Drinking Water Branch interests well while working with the regulated public water systems in
- 9 the state. On a daily basis, he provides technical assistance to water purveyors regarding
- 10 drinking water regulations, including microbiological and chemical monitoring, and public
- 11 notification.
- 12 Mr. Wang's willingness to serve will be of great benefit to the Public Water System Operator
- 13 Certification Program while at the same time, continue the fulfillment of a statutory requirement
- 14 to have a member of the Board from the Safe Drinking Water Branch.
- 15 **Offered Amendments:** None
- 16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.